



# The Russell Family

Missionaries to Mexico

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## PRAYERS

### PLEASE PRAY WITH US

- Traveling Mercies
- Quick Deputation
- National "Timothy"
- Visas for Mexico
- God's timeline for us to go to Mexico
- Church in Lo de Marcos

Dear Praying Saints,

I've always loved traveling growing up, and in fact, that was one of the reasons I wanted to sign up for the military as a teenager. Well, we are definitely getting to see a lot of this beautiful country of ours— in less than 3 weeks we've covered 10 states and driven more than 3000 miles! And the very best part is that the Lord has granted us safety with every new trip we've taken. This is due, in part, to the faithful prayers of the saints! We regularly pray for all of you that are supporting us, not just in finances, but in prayer and we thank the Lord Almighty for you and ask him to bless you tenfold. Thank you for your continual and faithful support, both financially and spiritually!

We are currently in Texas, and will be here through the end of the year. Right now we are in the middle of a long stretch of back to back mission conferences; we have 5 mission conferences in 6 weeks! The Lord has been steadily raising support each month, and in one year of full time deputation we have hit 47% this month. We are meeting so many great churches, people, and pastors with huge hearts for missions not only around the world but right in their own back yard. It's a great thing we are all part of, the Great Commission of reaching lost souls for the Lord Jesus Christ; and as exhausted as we can all get at times, these meetings have been just what we've needed! Each week we have received that spiritual "boost" to keep us going the next week. It's exciting to see what God can and will do through us, if we just remain obedient and sensitive to his still small voice.

We were recently able to see God working through us during a great conversation we had with a Hispanic man at a gas station. We were in a hurry, as usual, but this man heard my wife speaking to our children in Spanish, and it made him twist his neck as he thought "Whoa, she speaks Spanish very well". It led to a long conversation, with me practicing my Spanish, and my wife, (who is very fluent) talking with this guy on the deep doctrinal issues of salvation through grace ONLY plus nothing else, as well as many other things. Come to find out, he is saved and is seriously being led by God in some matters in his life and he's just trying to figure out this whole following the voice of God in his life. His name is Antonio, please pray for him because I can tell when God is dealing with a man about submitting to the call of preaching. His situation is in many ways very similar to mine when God was calling me, but he needs to be led to the right church to be trained and disciplined further. This was one of those moments where God had us right where he wanted us to encourage this young man, because I could relate to his situation trying to figure out the still small voice of God in my life when he's telling me to do something.

In other spiritual matters, I would love to briefly brag on the Lord for what he is doing in my children's hearts through deputation. There is always the question that young couples ask of "should I have children in this wicked world?". My answer is YES! God has always needed laborers, as there have always been too few laborers (Mt 9:37). Our honest and sincere prayer is that He would help us to train up our children to be faithful soldiers for him. It's apparent that in today's society very few children are being raised in a fashion to please God instead of pleasing self. Well I'm not going to give details, but God has been dealing with our children about serving him. Outside of our normal devotions and daily instruction, it truly is God speaking to their hearts and dealing with them at altar calls. Even our 6 year old is picking up on this; we caught him having a puppet show by himself where one puppet was telling another puppet the importance of receiving Christ and the consequences of not. Praise God!!

In closing, I want to leave you with this little bit of encouragement. It's incredibly easy to get bogged down in daily life these days and lose sight of the importance of what time we're in....Christ is coming soon!! I've said it before, but the harvest truly is plenteous of lost souls that want to know the truth. It's a matter of keeping missions, whether far or near, on the forefront of our minds as we live our normal daily lives. Keep looking on towards Christ and pressing forward.

**Brothers and sisters keep up the good fight!**

God bless-

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*Adam, Sarah, Cristian, Kendra, Braden*